

HB 162 -- DRAINAGE PENALTY FOR PUBLIC ROADS

SPONSOR: Eggleston

This bill abolishes certain criminal penalties and fines for obstruction of a public road under Section 229.150, RSMo, but does set up a system for the notification of landowners and requirements involving the repair of such roads. Landowners causing an obstruction will be notified by the county engineer or road overseer and given at least 30 days to make repairs. Certain extensions of time are allowed, as specified in the bill. If repairs are not made, then the road may be repaired by the county engineer or road overseer with costs billed to the requisite political subdivision and then recovered from the landowner causing the obstruction via a special tax on land which may be enforced by a lien and is collected in the same manner as state and county taxes.